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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR FUND.

A SMOKING CONCERT will be held in the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, in aid of this fund, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 27th January, commencing at nine o'clock.

An Attractive Programme has been arranged.

Admission Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. \$1. 358

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 31st inst. and 1st proximo, respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, and CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, GEO. W. PLAYFAIR, Manager.

For the MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, JOHN THURBURN, Manager.

For the BARQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, L. BERINDEAGUE, Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG, CHANTREY INCHALL, Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED, S. CHOI, Manager.

For the INTERIOR BANK OF CHINA, R. W. RITTER, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. 1350

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "AERATOON APCAR," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from Hongkong Agency.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 27th inst. will be landed with the consignees risk and expense at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG, are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from the Godowns, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. 1337

THE Steamship "ALEXIA."

Captain Knuth, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undermentioned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before noon TO-MORROW.

Any Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after 5 p.m. unless the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 1st February, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 1st February, and MONDAY, the 5th February, at 5.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. 1333

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA."

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO HAMA, KOBE, MOI, AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undermentioned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. 10

CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

SEAGOING STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

FOR NAGASAKI, PORT ARTHUR AND WLADEVOSTOCK.

THE Steamship "MUKDEN," will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 26th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. 356

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1900.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship "LOONGMOON,"

Captain F. W. Schult, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 27th inst., at 4 p.m.

This Steamship has superior accommodation for First and Second class passengers.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. 1355

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship "ALEXIA,"

Captain Knuth, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 30th inst., at noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. 354

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "OLDENBURG,"

of the HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, Kowloon, whose delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 p.m. TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 1st February, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 1st February, and MONDAY, the 5th February, at 5.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 8th February, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. 13

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL TO-NIGHT (FRIDAY), the 26th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. 296

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at 8 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. 327

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1900.

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned KWOK SHING WOO 和昇祥, having carried on Business, solely and alone in Hongkong, for over 30 years past, and at all times, since carried on by him at Nos. 21 and 30, Praya Central Hongkong, as a General Stockbroker, Ship's Comptroller and European Naval Contractor, under the Style or name of CHUEN WOO 和全.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that he will NOT be Responsible for any DEBTS, CONTRACTS or ENGAGEMENTS entered into by any person or persons under the name of KWOK SHING WOO or in the name of the CHUEN WOO other than by himself the Undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1900.

KWOK SHING WOO 和昇祥

of the CHUEN WOO 和全

39 and 30, Praya Central, Hongkong

Witness to Signature, MATTHEW J. D. SEPPENH, Solicitor, Hongkong.

NOTICE.

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE the Undersigned, have this Day been: RAUCHENSTEIN & CO. to be AGENTS for the above Godowns. All Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to us.

T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO., 12, Westmoreland Arcade, Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. 145

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TANG LAP TING, MOK KUN HUI, MOK YUEK LIM, Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. 146

NOTICE.

AFTER FEBRUARY 1st NEXT.

A SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA WILL OPEN AN OFFICE IN HONGKONG, at No. 8, PRAYA CENTRAL, in order to meet the demands of its increasing Membership.

Removal Payments, however, will be made as heretofore to Messrs. DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO. until further notice.

H. H. HOBSEY, Acting Manager, Hongkong, 18th January, 1900. 275

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, E. KING FIRM,

carrying on business at T. P. P. Co., Canton, as EXPORTERS of CHINESE GOODS, having hitherto had no Branch at any other place, have this Day Opened a BRANCH OFFICE at No. 4, Lee Yuen Street, West Hongkong.

WOO WING, who carried on a business on the premises of our firm at Canton on his own account and acted as Salesman in the E. KING FIRM, left our employ, having no description, large sum on hand in second hand Machines. Repair executed with promptitude and skill. Enrolling a specialty.

McKIRDY & CO., 47 & 49, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, 2nd November, 1899. 1240

NOTICE.

THE E. KING FIRM.

Dated the 18th day of January, 1900. 282

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ALL that are contemplating purchasing a first class Machine, and the above Establishment is always leading in this respect. We are Agents for the famous "NEW HOWE" and "MONOPOLI" CYCLES, and we supply the best quality of Machines. Repairs can be had in second hand Machines. Repair executed with promptitude and skill. Enrolling a specialty.

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THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY, QUEEN'S ROAD, 1433

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**ORIENTAL
PRESS AGENCY**
ROBINSON ROAD, HONGKONG.

**NEWSPAPER
CORRESPONDENTS,
DRAWERS, TYPISTS
AND
LITHOGRAPHERS EXPERTS.**

REPORTS FURNISHED.

Agents for the Sale of the
POLYVAANIA PULP & PAPER CO.'s
MACHINE FINISH
and
SUPERFINE PAPERS.

G. SCOTT CRANSTON.
Manager.
12th January, 1900. [216]

VACANT POSITION WANTED.

Elderly European Woman as
SEWING and NEEDLEWORKMAN
to
B. H.
Care of Office of this Paper.
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VACANT POSITION WANTED.

Young Australian, aged by a
POSITION in any position to make
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by letter to
B. S.
Care of Office of this Paper.
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**FURNISHED HOUSE
WANTED.**

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MIDDLE-SIZED GODOWN from
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GODOWN WANTED.

ANTED from about the 15th February
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H. E. CARMICHAEL,
H. J. BARLOW.
1st June, 1899. [12624]

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17th July 1897. Hongkong. [129]

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August, 1897. [1338]

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FOR APPLICATION
At Queen's Road East, Hongkong.
17th October 1899 [259]

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17th May, 1900. [1183]

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for Cold Storage at EAST POINT at
Rates.

WM. PARLANE,
Manager.
17th December 1899. [69]

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HARDIE & MITCHELL & CO.,
3rd May, 1895. [1220]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STAMENS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
YAMATO MARU	MANILA, THURSDAY, 26th January, at 4 p.m.	
A. E. Moore	TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE	
HARU MARU	AMOI, SHANGHAI, and KOBE	Thursday, 1st February, at daylight.
M. Nishimura	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	Friday, 2nd February, at noon.
K. Nishimura	MARSHALLS, LONDON and ANTWERP	Friday, 3rd February, at daylight.
YAMATO MARU	WEST, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	Friday, 3rd February, at daylight.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading, issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 1, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1900.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STAMENS.	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON	ROMNEY	Daylight 27th January	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI & JAPAN	C. L. Daniel	About 27th January	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, via NA.	VALENTIA	Noon, 3rd February	See Special Advertisement.
YOKOHAMA via NA.	ROBERTA	About 3rd February	Freight or Passage (Passenger).
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	C. C. Talbot, R.N.R.	February	Freight or Passage (Passenger).
SHANGHAI	C. L. Daniel	About 3rd February	Freight or Passage.
MARSHALLS and LONDON DIRECT	PARMAMATA	31st March	Freight or Passage.
(Without Transshipment)	MARSHALLS	14th April	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900.

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Hongkong, 19th January, 1900.

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Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed sailings from Hongkong:

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HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

The following is the report of the board of directors for presentation to the ordinary half yearly meeting of the shareholders to be held at the office of the Company, on Thursday, the 1st February, 1899, at 3 p.m.

The directors beg to submit to the shareholders the report and statement of accounts for the half-year ending 31st December last.

After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, repairs and all other outgoings, there remains, including \$54,648.66 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$179,088.41 at credit of profit and loss account. From this amount the directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 8 per cent on capital, or \$96,000, be paid to shareholders, and that 5 per cent or \$39,875, be written off the book value of steamers and launches, leaving a balance of \$43,213.41 to be carried forward to new account.

The steamers' earnings as compared with those of the corresponding six months of the previous year show a falling off. This is, in a great measure, accounted for by the unsatisfactory state of affairs on the West River, the working of this branch of the Company's business having resulted in a loss.

During the half-year the *Hengshen* has undergone the usual annual repairs and docking under Government survey, and the *Pogan* is now laid up to receive new boilers and for a general overhaul, the cost of which will be met by the sum which it is proposed to carry forward.

The *White Cloud* has been sold, and the loss on her book value, amounting to \$7,637.50, is provided for in the accounts now presented. To take the place of this steamer on the Canton-Macao Line, the *Lungshan* was withdrawn from the West River service, and the *Lungshing* is also running temporarily on the same route.

The properties mortgaged to the Company have been revalued by Messrs. Palmer and Turner, whose valuations show them to be ample security for the sums advanced. The value of the Company's investments in shares has been adjusted to figures well within present market rates, the difference being passed to the credit of investment fluctuation account.

The retiring Auditors, Messrs. A. O'D. Gourd and F. Henderson, offer themselves for re-election.

E. R. BELILIOS, Chairman.

31st Dec, 1899.	ASSETS.	\$	c.
Value of steamers <i>Pogan</i> , <i>Honan</i> and <i>Hengshen</i> and fifth of <i>Fatsan</i>		750,000.00	
Value of steam-launches <i>Lungshan</i> and <i>Lungshing</i>		47,500.00	
Value of wharves, bulks, and moorings		26,411.70	
Value of properties at Wicksow and Kongkum		8,315.77	
Value of lighters <i>Sun Lee</i> and <i>Wo Lee</i>		13,000.00	
Value of coal, stores, and spare gear		11,890.46	
Value of furniture		750.00	
Value of shares in public companies		434,485.00	
Value of Chinese bonds		1,034.43	
Loans on mortgage		633,580.00	
Cash with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation		110,463.13	
Interest accrued to date		1,589.36	
Installments account new steam boats and lighters, and new steam wheel steamers for West River trade		103,671.96	
Insurance premia paid for the year 1899		18,894.12	
Sundry debtors		8,450.23	
		\$2,170,184.81	

31st Dec, 1899.	LIABILITIES.	\$	c.
Amount of capital, 80,000 shares of \$15 each, fully paid up		1,200,000.00	
Amount of refund of capital of \$5 per share on 10 shares unpaid		50.00	
Amount at credit of depreciation and insurance fund		600,000.00	
Amount at credit of equalization of dividends fund		9,000.00	
Amount at credit of investment fluctuation account		137,826.55	
Unclaimed dividends		15,135.00	
Sundry creditors		29,084.85	
Amount at credit of profit and loss account		179,088.41	
		\$2,170,184.81	

31st Dec, 1899.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	\$	c.
To amount paid for repairs to steamers		10,472.75	
To loss on sale of steamer <i>White Cloud</i>		7,637.50	
To subscriptions to Tung Wah Hospital and Soldiers and Sailors' Families' Funds		750.00	
To directors and auditors' fees		2,750.00	
To balance to be appropriated, viz.—			
To be written off value of steamers 39,875.00			
To be carried to new account 43,213.41			
		\$79,088.41	
		\$200,000.00	
		\$279,088.41	

31st Dec, 1899.	Dr.	\$	c.
By balance brought forward from last account		54,648.66	
By net earnings of steamers		106,063.25	
By interest on investments		36,337.75	
By transfer fees		216.00	
By profit on sale of foreclosed property		3,385.00	
		\$200,000.00	
		\$200,000.00	

31st Dec, 1899.	Dr.	\$	c.
To balance		600,000.00	
By amount at credit		600,000.00	
		\$1,200,000.00	

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Hongkong, 16th May, 1899. [25]

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THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

TELEGRAMS VIA CRYSTAL AND HANGKOW.

THE CASUALTIES.

London, 6th January.—The total casualties of the campaign, exclusive of Ladysmith on Saturday, are 7,213 officers and men. Of the former 89 were killed, 259 wounded and 10 missing; of the men 938 killed, 3,416 wounded, 2,140 missing.

INDIANS AS STRIKER BEARERS.

A Standard telegram from Durban states that 1,200 Indian stretcher bearers left for the front on the 8th instant.

THE INTERVENTION OF PORTUGAL DENIED.

London, 8th January.—The statements made on the Berlin National Zeitung regarding the seizure of the Bundesrath are officially denied. Portugal has sent no Note to the Powers.

DEPARTURE OF TROOPS FROM BOMBAY.

Bombay, 6th January.—The 16th Queen's Lancers sailed this afternoon for the Cape in the transports *Passive, Nairang, and Lindula*.

The transports *Alana* and *Mutira* sail on Monday, the former with a Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery and the latter with horses.

THE WESTERN FRONTIER.

London, 7th January.—Lord Methuen is making a railway round the Boer position which he despairs of taking by assault.

The prisoners taken by Colonel Picher at Belmont have been informed that they will be treated as rebels.

THE BATTLE OF MAGERSFONTEIN.

London, 8th January.—Letters regarding the battle of Magersfontein show that Gen. Cronje purposely projected his outposts to some distance from the kopjes in order to prevent the Boers from retiring before our fire. These outposts were manned throughout without reinforcements. The British retreat was an obvious mistake, and was carried out in violation of Lord Methuen's instructions. The Highland Brigade and the British were perfectly safe where they were, and had they stayed there, they would have compelled the Boers to go back by nightfall and have won the position. The 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Light Infantry expended 73,000 rounds of ammunition.

FRICION BETWEEN MR. BALFOUR AND THE WAR OFFICE.

Parliament meets before the end of the month for the purpose of voting the necessary funds for the prosecution of the campaign.

Mr. Balfour has sacrificed his Christmas holiday, and lives between Downing Street and the War Office.

A rupture between Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne and Wolsley is regarded as inevitable.

The Commander-in-Chief's complaint is that he was not consulted in regard to the despatch of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener. This is difficult to believe seeing that the Cabinet decided on the appointments at the end of November. Lord Wolsley threatens to publish disclosures showing how his hands were crippled throughout.

DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEERS.

The War Office has notified to the Earl of Donagh, Commandant, its acceptance of the Honourable Artillery Company's offer to officer and furnish a Battery for service in South Africa.

The Earl of Essex and Sir George Arthur are joining the Hertfordshire Yeomanry.

Lord Lansdowne, on behalf of the Yeomanry Committee, has purchased 700 Cumberland horses.

Dr. Conan Doyle has volunteered in connection with the Laugman Field Hospital, which is leaving shortly.

The students of the University of Athens have telegraphed to Oxford sincerely wishing British success for the sake of Universal Civilization.

GOOD RESULTS FROM THE CAPTURE OF DOUGLAS.

Molde River, 6th January.—The Queenlanders and the Canadians have been so energetic in the neighbourhood of Helmsdal that a large belt across the Free State has been destroyed by the Boers. It is the more surprising, therefore, that the rebels surprised by Colonel Picher dared to camp close by, and within 45 miles of Lord Methuen.

Records taken by Colonel Picher from the captured Sunnyside largely disclose the political sanding of every man in a wide district.

The success of the Colonials is viewed with pride by every branch of the Regulars, and will produce good effect on both loyal and disloyal colonists.

SPEECH OF MR. BALFOUR.

London, 9th January.—Mr. Balfour, speaking at Manchester last night, said that notwithstanding the tactical misfortune at Ladysmith, the Boer invasion of British territory need frighten nobody. The Government had given the Generals absolutely a free hand and never hampered their action. The war was for the defence of our African Empire and would be pursued unswervingly, preventing a recurrence of any such war in South Africa. He ridiculed the foreign propaganda that the dissolution of the British Empire had begun and said the war had demonstrated the unity of the Empire. He referred especially to the loyal offers made by the Indian Princes.

IN NATAL.

London, 9th January.—General Buller contented himself during Saturday's fighting at Ladysmith with a simultaneous demonstration consisting of a march of two miles to Colenso and an extension for attack which the Artillery utilised to bombard the Boer positions, after which the force marched back to Chieveley.

The result of General White's messages following upon last week's operations elsewhere have been to strengthen confidence at home.

A Times special wire, dated Kruger's Camp, 7th January, says: Caesar's camp, one of the chief points attacked yesterday, is the most advanced post held by the Ladysmith garrison, about three miles south of the town. Its tactical importance is due to the fact that it guards a long ridge running at the back to the town. The Manchester and Gordons, encamped at Caesar's camp and the two battalions of the King's Royal Rifles on the ridge to the east close by repulsed the attack with bayonet.

London, 9th January.—The Boer General Buller is constructing a subsidiary railway westwards towards Potgieter's drift.

RENSBURG.

London, 9th January.—The official list of the Suffolk Regiment casualties on Saturday give Colonel Watson, three Lieutenants and 137 men killed; 22 wounded and six officers and 19 men prisoners.

A brilliant charge by 28 men of the Royal Inniskilling is reported from Rensburg. They were intercepted by 500 Boers but cut their way through with the loss of seven. There were several narrow escapes.

REINFORCEMENTS.

London, 9th January.—The *Lyons* left London on Friday, with 100 wagons, 81,000 rounds Lyddite shell and quantities of small arm ammunition.

The *Prima* left Southampton on Saturday with the 2nd Cheshires, 19th Bearer Company, R. A. M. C., and extra officers, totalling 40 officers and 1,960 men.

Colonel Curtis, commanding the 13th Brigade Staff, has been delayed owing to General Prior's illness.

The *America*, containing a detachment of Mounted Infantry for the Sixth Division and Ammunition Column, altogether 10 officers and 280 men with an equal number of horses, sailed from London on Friday.

The *British Prince*, with a second detachment, consisting of men of the Buffs, 2nd Gloucesters, altogether 400 men and 350 horses, left on Saturday. The ship has been nearly built for the Atlantic horse trade and is the sister ship of the *British Prince* which carried the Scots Greys to South Africa in November in under 30 days.

The War Office issues the details of four Brigade Divisions of Artillery.

The 12th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 26th, 28th, 30th, 32nd, 34th, 36th, 38th, 40th, 42nd, 44th, 46th, 48th, 50th, 52nd, 54th, 56th, 58th, 60th, 62nd, 64th, 66th, 68th, 70th, 72nd, 74th, 76th, 78th, 80th, 82nd, 84th, 86th, 88th, 90th, 92nd, 94th, 96th, 98th, 100th, 102nd, 104th, 106th, 108th, 110th, 112th, 114th, 116th, 118th, 120th, 122nd, 124th, 126th, 128th, 130th, 132nd, 134th, 136th, 138th, 140th, 142nd, 144th, 146th, 148th, 150th, 152nd, 154th, 156th, 158th, 160th, 162nd, 164th, 166th, 168th, 170th, 172nd, 174th, 176th, 178th, 180th, 182nd, 184th, 186th, 188th, 190th, 192nd, 194th, 196th, 198th, 200th, 202nd, 204th, 206th, 208th, 210th, 212th, 214th, 216th, 218th, 220th, 222nd, 224th, 226th, 228th, 230th, 232nd, 234th, 236th, 238th, 240th, 242nd, 244th, 246th, 248th, 250th, 252nd, 254th, 256th, 258th, 260th, 262nd, 264th, 266th, 268th, 270th, 272nd, 274th, 276th, 278th, 280th, 282nd, 284th, 286th, 288th, 290th, 292nd, 294th, 296th, 298th, 300th, 302nd, 304th, 306th, 308th, 310th, 312th, 314th, 316th, 318th, 320th, 322nd, 324th, 326th, 328th, 330th, 332nd, 334th, 336th, 338th, 340th, 342nd, 344th, 346th, 348th, 350th, 352nd, 354th, 356th, 358th, 360th, 362nd, 364th, 366th, 368th, 370th, 372nd, 374th, 376th, 378th, 380th, 382nd, 384th, 386th, 388th, 390th, 392nd, 394th, 396th, 398th, 400th, 402nd, 404th, 406th, 408th, 410th, 412th, 414th, 416th, 418th, 420th, 422nd, 424th, 426th, 428th, 430th, 432nd, 434th, 436th, 438th, 440th, 442nd, 444th, 446th, 448th, 450th, 452nd, 454th, 456th, 458th, 460th, 462nd, 464th, 466th, 468th, 470th, 472nd, 474th, 476th, 478th, 480th, 482nd, 484th, 486th, 488th, 490th, 492nd, 494th, 496th, 498th, 500th, 502nd, 504th, 506th, 508th, 510th, 512th, 514th, 516th, 518th, 520th, 522nd, 524th, 526th, 528th, 530th, 532nd, 534th, 536th, 538th, 540th, 542nd, 544th, 546th, 548th, 550th, 552nd, 554th, 556th, 558th, 560th, 562nd, 564th, 566th, 568th, 570th, 572nd, 574th, 576th, 578th, 580th, 582nd, 584th, 586th, 588th, 590th, 592nd, 594th, 596th, 598th, 600th, 602nd, 604th, 606th, 608th, 610th, 612th, 614th, 616th, 618th, 620th, 622nd, 624th, 626th, 628th, 630th, 632nd, 634th, 636th, 638th, 640th, 642nd, 644th, 646th, 648th, 650th, 652nd, 654th, 656th, 658th, 660th, 662nd, 664th, 666th, 668th, 670th, 672nd, 674th, 676th, 678th, 680th, 682nd, 684th, 686th, 688th, 690th, 692nd, 694th, 696th, 698th, 700th, 702nd, 704th, 706th, 708th, 710th, 712th, 714th, 716th, 718th, 720th, 722nd, 724th, 726th, 728th, 730th, 732nd, 734th, 736th, 738th, 740th, 742nd, 744th, 746th, 748th, 750th, 752nd, 754th, 756th, 758th, 760th, 762nd, 764th, 766th, 768th, 770th, 772nd, 774th, 776th, 778th, 780th, 782nd, 784th, 786th, 788th, 790th, 792nd, 794th, 796th, 798th, 800th, 802nd, 804th, 806th, 808th, 810th, 812th, 814th, 816th, 818th, 820th, 822nd, 824th, 826th, 828th, 830th, 832nd, 834th, 836th, 838th, 840th, 842nd, 844th, 846th, 848th, 850th, 852nd, 854th, 856th, 858th, 860th, 862nd, 864th, 866th, 868th, 870th, 872nd, 874th, 876th, 878th, 880th, 882nd, 884th, 886th, 888th, 890th, 892nd, 894th, 896th, 898th, 900th, 902nd, 904th, 906th, 908th, 910th, 912th, 914th, 916th, 918th, 920th, 922nd, 924th, 926th, 928th, 930th, 932nd, 934th, 936th, 938th, 940th, 942nd, 944th, 946th, 948th, 950th, 952nd, 954th, 956th, 958th, 960th, 962nd, 964th, 966th, 968th, 970th, 972nd, 974th, 976th, 978th, 980th, 982nd, 984th, 986th, 988th, 990th, 992nd, 994th, 996th, 998th, 1000th.

Four Companies Mounted Infantry, 300 strong, for the 3rd Cavalry Brigade, will be supplied by the 2nd West Riding, the Staffordshire, Essex, and Durham Light Infantry. All will have Burma ponies.

The 17th Lancers and 7th Dragoon Guards, which are now being inspected, both belong to the Brigade.

THE PRESS AND MR. BALFOUR.

London, 9th January.—The newspapers this morning are inclined to criticise Mr. Balfour's speech at Manchester yesterday. They particularly refer to his contentions that Her Majesty's Government had made no serious mistakes and that the Transvaal had tied the hands of Government. As regards the heavy importation of arms by the Transvaal Government, *The Times* suggests that if the British Government had firmly insisted upon the discontinuance of the armaments it would either have prevented the present war or the Transvaal would have entered thereon with very different prospects.

MORE REINFORCEMENTS.

The English Division will begin to sail for South Africa on the 11th inst.

Twelve additional batteries of Artillery will leave England for South Africa before the end of the current month.

Government have decided to raise six new batteries immediately but not necessarily for service in South Africa. A further increase will be made later.

The London-Scottish supply a detachment which will serve with the Gordon Highlanders.

The Committee of the Imperial Yeomanry has received a gift of £50,000 from Warburton, Beits & Co. the diamond merchants, London.

Messrs. Vickers Sons & Co., the steel and ordnance manufacturers, and the Maxim-Norddeutsche Gun and Ammunition Company, have been ordered by the Government to manufacture continuously 4.7-inch and 6-inch quick-firers.

ANOTHER CANARD.

London, 9th January.—The report regarding the seizure of guns aboard a steamer in the Thames is untrue.

THE AMERICAN CONSUL AT PRETORIA.

London, 9th January.—A telegram from Washington states that the Transvaal has refused to allow the American Consul at Pretoria to represent British interests.

ARRIVALS AT DURBAN AND THE CAPE.

London, 9th January.—Recent arrivals at Durban are the "Harlech Castle," "Port Natal," and "Victorian" with the 14th Hussars and the 20th Field Battery; the "Mongolian" with the 2nd Middlesex; the "Athlone," with two Field Batteries; the "Maquette," with the York and Lancasters, and drafts; and the "Maplemore," with the South African Light Horse.

The "Dilwara," "Manchester City," and "Wakrol" bound for Cape Town have arrived.

The "Gascon," with the 1st Royal Irish, the 2nd Wiltshires; "Mexican" with the Queen's gift of chocolate for the troops; the "Avoch," "Urnston-Grange," and others with stores, have reached the Cape.

The "Tormosa" has arrived at Table Bay with mules.

The "Dunora" has started home with 200 officers and men from various battalions, sick and wounded.

INDIA'S VOLUNTEER MOUNTED CONTINGENT.

Calcutta, 10th January.—Her Majesty's Government has accepted the offer of Colonel Lumsden of the Assam Valley Light Horse, to raise a body of Mounted Volunteers from India, for service in South Africa, of a total strength of 250.

BATTERIES FROM INDIA.

London, 9th January.—The news that another Infantry division will be despatched to South Africa is authenticated, and the details of its composition are already nearly completed by the War Office.

No argument from India will be included, there being a strong objection to weaken the British Garrison.

It is stated at the India Office that three Transport Corps and several mountain guns will be despatched from India as soon as the Indian Government have succeeded in chartering transports.

ANOTHER LOYAL CONTRIBUTION.

Calcutta, 10th January.—The Maharajah of Mysore sent 100 horses yesterday, from Her Imperial Service, with the Lancers to South Africa.

SPECIAL VETERINARY APPOINTMENT.

Calcutta, 10th January.—Colonel A. D. Glover, Inspecting Veterinary Officer of the Punjab, has been selected for service in South Africa, and will be appointed as Additional Administrative Veterinary Officer of the South African Field Force.

THE BRITISH REPLY TO GERMANY.

London, 10th January.—It is stated that the British reply to Germany maintains the legality of searching vessels plying in neutral ports.

The Attorney-General has prepared rules to guide officials dealing with contraband.

Another British warship is being sent to Aden.

ANOTHER SPEECH BY MR. BALFOUR.

London, 10th January.—Mr. Balfour, speaking at Manchester today, in defending the War Office, admitted that they had not realised the necessity of a vast mounted force, which they would have before the war was over. The necessity was also recognised that guns of a class between Field and Garrison Artillery should form part of the equipment.

LORD WOLSELEY AND THE INTENTION OF LADYSMITH.

London, 10th January.—Major Griffiths, in a letter to the *Evening News*, affirms that Lord Wolsley protested throughout against the retention at Ladysmith.

MR. BALFOUR'S LATEST.

Mr. Balfour, in his speech at Manchester, referred to the negotiations before war as follows:—"The probability was that we should obtain, for the present, at all events, such rights for the Uitlanders as should tide over the present war, and prevent difficulty, untill, perhaps, some period arrived when either by accident or design it suited the Boers to precipitate a struggle."

This indiscreet admission, contracting with other recent utterances of Mr. Balfour dwelling on the sincerity and moderation of our efforts for franchise reform, is likely to alienate public opinions; but so far it has escaped the notice of the press. *The Morning Post* is inignant at his attempts to shield the War Office, and calls on the Government to resign.

DISEASE AT LADYSMITH.

London, 10th January.—Twenty-three deaths from enteric fever took place at Ladysmith between the 1st and the 8th instant. They include Lieutenant C. P. Russell, of the Leicesters, and Lieutenant C. S. Platt, 5th Dragoons.

Surgeon-Major Walker has died of dysentery at Ladysmith.—Reuter.

THE BOER ATTACK.

London, 10th January.—Private intelligence, which the War Office withholds, describes the Boer attack at Ladysmith on Saturday as desperate. In many cases they were five times the number of the British. The manner wherein they massed repeatedly for assault showed the enemy's determination to carry the position and they only relinquished the attempt with bitter reluctance. General White is convinced the Boer losses were fearful.

The Earl of Ayr was dangerously wounded in the hand.

DEATH OF GENERAL W. PRIOR.

London, 10th January.—The death from pneumonia is announced of Gen. John Prior, commanding the fifteenth brigade of the Seventh Division.

PLAIN SPEAKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

The Times, in a leading article this morning, again severely criticises Mr. Balfour's statements in his speech at Manchester, on Monday last, regarding the conduct of Her Majesty's Government in connection with the war. It says that the Government should consider themselves lucky that they only have to face a weak Opposition in Parliament. It would be better, *The Times* adds, for the country if the Cabinet frankly owned its mistakes.

A DENIAL.

London, 11th January.—*The Times* understands the Union and Castle Line companies have withdrawn from the Delagoa Bay trade in order to prevent the use of their vessels in interests unfavourable to England.

The *Daily Mail* states that Lord Methuen's health has completely broken down.

Lord Selborne, speaking at the banquet of the Associated Chambers of Commerce to Lord Northcote, declared it was absolutely false that Government or the War Office had ever attempted to direct or interfere with the strategy of our Generals in South Africa.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At the monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held at 3 p.m. on the 15th January, Present: Messrs. R. M. Gray (Chairman), A. McConachie (Vice-Chairman), A. Haupt, H. A. Ritchie, N. A. Siebs, Herbert Smith, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, and R. C. Wilcox (Secretary).

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous meeting (held 14th December) were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following had been admitted to membership since the previous meeting:—

Dec. 23, 1899—Dr. Jordan.

Jan. 3, 1900—The Deutsche Asiatische Bank.

—The Imperial Bank of China.

—Messrs. Holz, & Jacob & Co.

—Messrs. H. Price & Co.

THE DANGEROUS GOODS AMENDMENT BILL.

Following up the decision taken at last meeting, a letter was, on the 16th December, addressed to the Government stating that it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the articles mentioned by the firms interested in the Arms Trade as not having hitherto been classed as dangerous should still be excluded from that category, and that they hoped the Government would take the same view.

A reply had been received from the Colonial Secretary stating that the Government were prepared to make certain amendments in the Bill in the direction indicated.

THE CONSERVANCY OF THE WOOSUNG RIVER.

Read letter from Colonial Secretary, dated 10th Dec., enclosing copy of despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, together with copies of correspondence on the above subject, and expressing a wish to receive any information the Chamber could supply as to the effect of the present state of the river on the trade of Hongkong.

Decided to write in reply to above that though the obstructions to navigation in the Woosung River did not directly affect Hongkong, the Chamber regarded the proposal with the fullest sympathy, and would hail with satisfaction any steps taken to improve river approaches to Shanghai.

THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION AMENDMENT BILL.

A letter having, on the 19th December, been received signed by eleven firms interested in the Arms Trade, drawing the attention of the Chamber to the provisions of the above Bill, which they considered would have an adverse effect on the trade and service, to direct to Macao, if carried into effect.

Correspondence was opened with the Government on the subject, and the further progress of the measure in Council was postponed, in order that the suggestions made by the firms and the Chamber may be considered.

The Chairman, after reading the last letter sent in by the Committee, expressed the hope that the Government would give it most favourable consideration.

CABLE RATES BETWEEN THE FAR EAST AND EUROPE.

The Secretary reported that replies, in acknowledgement of receipt of Chamber's circular letter of 6th October, had been received from—The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, dated 10th November.

The Toronto Board of Trade, dated 14th November.

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce, dated 24th November.

A letter was also received, on the 8th January, from the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, dated 19th December, forwarding copy of a despatch addressed by that Chamber to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on this question.

Read letter from the London Manager of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., dated 23rd Nov., acknowledging receipt of Chamber's letter and resolutions of the 5th Oct., and stating that a proposal had been made to H.M. Government by his Company several months previous for the reduction of their rates, but that up to date no reply had been received.

It was decided to reply asking for copy of the letter in which the proposals were made.

HONGKONG AND CANADIAN PREFERENTIAL DUTIES.

Read letter from the Agent of the Canadian Pacific Co., dated 15th Dec., calling attention to the fact that exports from Hongkong are entitled under the British Preferential Tariff to participate in the advantages of the Tariff, but that the Minister of Customs had not included this Colony in the list of British Possessions to which it should be applied, and expressing the hope the subject might be deemed of sufficient importance to receive investigation by the Chamber.

Resolved to address the Government on the subject, and ask that it be brought to the notice of the Secretary of State.

NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Read letters from the Colonial Secretary, dated 8th January, transmitting for the information of the Chamber copy of a despatch from H.B.M. Consul at Manila covering copy of the new U.S. Provisional Customs Tariff and Regulations in the Philippines issued on 23rd Oct. 1899, together with copy of general orders notifying which are the sub-ports of entry. The Consul had compared the new Regulations with those previously issued and gave the result of his comparison. The matter was referred to the firms interested in the Manila trade for consideration and report.

THE PHILADELPHIA COMMERCIAL MUSEUM AND THE CHAMBER.

Read two letters from the director of the Philadelphia Museum, dated respectively the 27th and 29th Nov., stating that in pursuance of the action of the Chamber in accepting membership on the International Advisory Board, the Museum, they had pleasure in forwarding